GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF FPI IN DROUGHT PRONE AREAS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to promote Food Processing Industries (FPI) in the drought prone districts;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in Orissa, especially in the KBK districts; and

(c) the details of specific proposals mooted to set up FPI in Tenth Plan in the KBK districts which are prone to drought?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (c): Government does not directly set up food processing industries. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing various Plan schemes, which envisage provision of financial assistance in the form of grant to cooperatives, NGOs, public sector undertakings, private sector, R&D institutions, etc., for the development of food processing industries. These plan schemes are not State or area specific. Approval of financial assistance is given on the basis of technical and financial viability of the proposals, including from KBK District of Orissa, received in a financial year and the amount is released as per availability of funds. In view of the position brought out, specific action of State Government of Orissa has not been maintained.